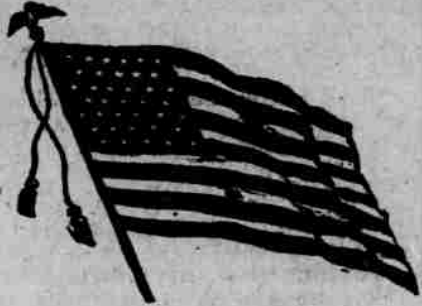


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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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For Senator, 35th District,
GEORGE B. ROSS.
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For Representative M. W. CORUM.
For County Attorney JAS. W. CLARKE.
For County Supt. B. J. HENNESSY.
For District Clerk W. B. LUCAS.
For Probate Judge W. P. FEDER.
For County Printer D. T. ARMSTRONG.
For Commissioner, 2 Dist., S. S. SHATTUCK.

AN ILLINOIS BANKER

Deserts the Republican Party for Bryan, and Gives His Reasons.

Joliet, Ill., July 23.—Michael Collins, owner of the Citizens bank in Peotone and for many years the most ardent Republican in Will county, a delegate to the late Republican state convention, has declared for Bryan. Mr. Collins, who formerly represented this district in the legislature, said today:

"I shall vote for Bryan. I am an anti-imperialist. I am strongly opposed to the manner in which the McKinley administration has deserted the principles on which the government is founded. The Declaration of Independence and the constitution have been practically set aside to allow of the establishment of a colonial system.

"We went into the war with Spain to free Cuba. We declared we were fighting for humanity, not conquest. We pledged that we would not annex Cuba as an evidence that we were influenced only in humanitarian principles.

"The Filipinos were also fighting Spanish rule and had been struggling as were the Cubans to throw off the Spanish yoke. The administration, I believe, made a fatal mistake when it assumed a different attitude toward the Philippines than it did toward Cuba.

"Mr. Bryan is an honest man and has clear decided views as to what should be done with the Philippines. He favors our guaranteeing to the Filipinos an independent republic, free from intervention of foreign powers, such as we have secured for the South American republics.

"There is a big difference between expansion of territory by taking in land that can be made into states and the adoption of a colonial policy such as is being done with the Philippines. This question I believe to be the most important one we have to deal with, and I have decided to vote for Bryan accordingly."

You remember the "rain-maker" fakes that were traveling about the country a few years ago, sending up rockets and bombarding the clouds, making believe they were bringing rain? Well, the republican party of Barton county announce in their platform that they are in that business. The platform says: "We point with pride to the republican administration in bringing prosperity where there was famine," etc. Wouldn't that cork you? They take credit for bringing the rains that made the wheat crop, that brought prosperity to the farmers of Barton county. The Lord had nothing to do in bringing the bounteous crops—it was the republican party, see? No wonder some Methodist preach-

ers are charged with thinking more of the republican party than they do of the bible. But if the Hanna regime could bring rain to make the wheat, why did they stop at wheat—why not give us a good corn crop too? O, you inconsistent rain-makers!

Lincoln on McKinley's Policy.

The Republican national platform promises to the people of the Philippines "the largest measure of self-government consistent with their welfare and our duties."

Abraham Lincoln disposed of this specious plea, used in his time, by the apologists of government without the consent of the governed. In the course of one of his famous series of speeches, replying to Douglas, the first Republican president said:

"These arguments that are made, that the inferior race are to be treated with as much allowance as they are capable of enjoying; that as much is to be done for them as their condition will allow—what are these arguments? They are the arguments that kings have made for enslaving the people in all ages of the world. You will find that all arguments in favor of kingcraft were of this class; that they always bestrode the necks of the people, not that they wanted to do it, but because the people were better off for being ridden. Turn it whatever way you will, whether it come from the mouth of the king, an excuse for enslaving the men of another race, it is all the same old serpent."

The latest reports from China state the situation of affairs there not near so bad as at first reported. It looks now a little like Russia and Japan were forcing on trouble with an ulterior purpose, that of gobbling up the Chinese territory. Forcing matters now, when England has her hands full in South Africa, gives the other powers an advantage they have been looking for. If the United States keeps her skirts clear of the muddle we shall all rejoice.

THE British war office has lately reported that the total loss of its armies in the Boer war number 48,640. This includes those killed in action, died of wounds, missing and prisoners, died of disease and invalided home. Truly John Bull is paying that price which, as Oom Paul said, would "startle the world," for the pleasure of crushing the South African republics; and despite the aid he has received from McKinley and Hay the struggle is not yet over.

THE greatest mistake about the whole Chinese affair was made when the civilized countries sent missionaries over there. They could have found plenty of trouble at home, if trouble they wanted. And the home supply of heathenism is also plentiful.

THE German voters are all against imperialism and militarism, and any policy which involves the expenditure of nearly half a billion dollars within two years upon the army. Most of them have had too much of this sort of thing at home.

ENGLAND has already lost more men in her South African outrage upon freedom's cause than have been enrolled in the entire Boer armies. Truly a just God is with the Boers.

WHEN they tell you that McKinley brought the prosperous times we have in Barton county, ask 'em why in thunder he did not send a rain in time to save the Kansas corn crop.

THE WAR GOD.

A miscellaneous collection of "sky pilots" who pretend to be ministers of Him who preached the doctrine of "Peace on earth, good will toward men" are declaring from pulpit and rostrum that "God has led America into the Orient for some divine purpose."

What God and what divine purpose?

In order that the American flag may wave triumphant over an English brewery in the city of Manila and that the civilizing influence of the American drug shop may make itself felt in the cities of Luzon?

In order that the American flag may blush its reddest over legalized polygamy and slavery? Are these parts of this divine purpose?

Are the trenches filled with dead Filipinos a part of this divine purpose?

Are the widows and orphans and desolate homes in Luzon and America evidences of this divine purpose?

Are the hundreds of Uncle Sam's brave boys who are shipped home in boxes or come home crazed by hardships of a foreign clamate witnesses to the divine purpose of which the preachers tell us?

Are the vultures of commercialism and corporate greed the prophets of this God and the manifestations of His divine purpose?

Surely this is not God, the Father of Him who drove the money changers from the temple and who preached unto the world the new gospel of peace, love and mercy.

No! This is the God of war, the cruel and bloody God of the Jewish scriptures, the semi-barbarous God of the early Jews. His delight is the blood of men and women's tears. The gates of the temple of Janus are open. The God of war is gone forth. Christian ministers have deserted their master and gone after him. Bishop, preacher and missionary are crying out for blood and vengeance like a lot of blood-thirsty hounds on the track of a panting deer. Dead American boys, dead Filipinos and dead Chinamen! Pile them up! They make a hideous monument to the God who leads America. But in the sight of God, the Father, and the sight of Jesus, the Christ, this war, this shedding of blood, and the avarice and greed which is behind it all is an abomination.

No wonder that ministers complain that church going is becoming less popular. When preachers preach such abominable stuff under the guise of patriotism, when piety is only thinly disguised commercialism, Christians and men of the world beg to be excused.

As Ingalls said about the Democrats, we feel it but just to say of the ministry, there are some good preachers, men who still cling to the gospel of the meek and lowly Son of God, but they're singing mighty low just now for fear the war God will eat them up. Just how the Olathe preachers stand on this subject we are not informed, but if any of them think it would be consistent with the teachings of Jesus to preach a sermon against war and violence and greed and will notify the editor of the Register of the time and place the editor will suspend the rules and go to church to hear it.—Olathe Register.

PEOPLE who read both the Great Bend Register and the Clifton Clarion will wonder which writes the editorials—which are identical in both papers—Clarke

or O'Blenniss? To settle the puzzling question let us state that neither one writes 'em; they are the "boiler plate" variety, prepared by the bosses and furnished free of cost to the little fellows of the republican county press who are too tired to expend any brain power on political editorials.

THE Nortonville News says "If your neighbor is prosperous, let him prosper. Don't grunt, growl or grumble. Say a good word for him and let it go at that. Don't be a knocker. Your turn will come; no one man is the whole show. If you see the town is moving along nicely, feel good about it. Help things along, shove a little; push. Try to get some of the benefit yourself. Don't you stand around like a chilly old cadaver. Don't waste your time feeling sore because some fellow has a little more sense than you have. Do a little more rustling yourself. Don't be a knocker."

THE democratic party cannot draw upon the trusts and monied syndicates for funds with which to conduct the campaign. But it can do better than that—it can depend upon the votes of the common people to elect the ticket headed by Bryan and Stevenson.

TEDDY will be worked in the west mostly. His brag and bluster is not a drawing card, in the east, where they know him best.

Are You Ready for This?

Our republican friends are just as busily engaged in denying that that party is for centralization of power, for imperialism, as in 1896 they denied that the party favored the single gold standard. You know what their denials in 1896 amounted to, and they are just as insincere today on the question of imperialism.

Under the suggestive head, "Ready for a Change" the Weekly Globe of Des Moines, publishes on its editorial page the following article, which we take to be one of the "ready-made editorials," which are being sent out by a political press bureau. We quote in full for the benefit of our readers: "If anything was needed to demonstrate the inability of our present form of government, to cope with the new conditions we have entered into, it is the disgraceful frauds of the Cuban postal department. For a long time thinking people, who have large commercial interests, have felt unsafe with our present form of government, from the fact that we are controlled by the little cheap John politicians and ward heelers. Now is a good time to do away with our old obsolete constitution and adopt a form of government that will be logical with our new expansion ideas and will give ample protection to capital. We should not be disgraced in the sight of civilized nations by such a sight as the violence and killing that accompany the operation of street cars in St. Louis now. A constitutional monarchy is probably the most desirable plan we could now adopt. Everything is ripe for the change. We have a large army and it can be increased under almost any pretext without causing alarm to the masses. This country has been so prosperous that the voters have lost that spirit of patriotism and honesty that are necessary to the successful operations of republics. The strong iron hand of discipline will have to be used to bring the masses to a sense of proper behavior. We take it that the great farming interests of our land will readily adopt themselves to the change. The farmer is a great lover of law and liberty and under a monarchy these results will follow. Our constitution is largely the expression of French revolutionary ideas; ideas suggested by hot headed theorists. Jefferson and Paine found American soil suitable for the promulgation of Voltaireism and Rousseauism. Now the church is strong enough to go back to biblical teaching of kingship. It need not take but a few years to convince our political rulers to make the change. Certainly it must have years ago suggested itself to the minds of the statesmen in Washington."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL COMMENT.

Fire meeting tonight.

Pass the rainwater, please.

There are thirty instruments in the band.

Good rain south of the river Monday night.

Big piece of pie for a nickel, at McCullough's.

Do not forget the county fair, in September.

Henry Born is on a business trip to Chicago this week.

And it sprinkled a little sprinkle again Monday night.

Johnnie Coesman was up from Stafford county Saturday.

FOR RENT—A 6 room house. Enquire of T. H. Butler.

Very welcome local showers, Monday night and Tuesday.

Geo. Hirsch and wife were over from Holsington Saturday.

The funeral of John Bakehouse's little girl occurred Saturday.

Cold drinks, hot coffee, and lunches at all hours, at McCullough's.

Dr. Meade has bought the Russell residence, where he now lives.

Frank Salsbury is back in Urbana, Ill., renewing old friendships.

With fair weather August 11th (show day) will be a cracker jack.

Webster Langham, of Holsington, spent Sunday with his parents here.

The band concert, Saturday evening was all right. Come again, boys.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—A new, 12-hoe McSherry Hoe Drill. G. E. Wyman.

By the "powers" the Chinese guns do not fire crackers. They fire bullets.

F. T. Ozenberger's new elevator, at Red Wing is about ready for business.

Last Saturday was one of the busiest days the town has had for a long time.

"Squire W. L. Stewart, of Logan township, visited in Colorado last week."

A good rain is reported up in the north part of the county Saturday night.

See call for meeting of the county central committee, elsewhere in this paper.

Emmett Putnam is clerking in the grocery department at Lundblad & Bolingers'.

W. H. Cook, of the west side of the county, called Monday to order the DEMOCRAT.

LOST—Pacific Express book. Reasonable reward for its return to W. R. Armstrong.

Louis Kinzel, of near Olin, was transacting business in the county seat Saturday.

Editor Carr of the Holsington Dispatch, was a Great Bend visitor Tuesday of this week.

Next Wednesday, August 1st, will be the colored man's 4th of July. Emancipation Day.

Homer V. Kackley is back to Barton county and will buy wheat again at Heizer this season.

O. B. Looney, John Koenig, E. I. Grizzell and John A. Barth were over from Clifton Friday last.

Geo. Everett, the Heizer Creamery Co. manager, was transacting business in Great Bend, Saturday.

Dell Decker is able to be around and tote his arm in a sling. His injury is healing in good shape.

E. I. S. Lindas, who has charge of the new lumber and hardware store at Albert was in the city Monday.

It's a regular circus, to watch the large number of people flocking into McCullough's restaurant for meals.

Will somebody hunt up a blue flag for the weather sign man? That old white one is getting monotonous.

Geo. Nimocks Jr. is having a new residence built, on Broadway, on the lots next east of the old homestead.

Frank Mall, now a south side farmer, was in town Saturday. Frank says he finds plenty of work on the farm.

McCracken is to have a democratic paper under the control of that staunch and true democrat, Dr. Dutton. His son will manage the business.

Members of the Great Bend Fire Department should remember that tonight—Friday the 27th—is regular meeting night. All members should make it a special point to attend.

A. J. Street had a finger amputated last week. He bruised it while in the harvest field, and a bone felon started.

An eleven days old infant of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Newcombe died on last Thursday morning and was buried Friday.

Howard Diffebacher and wife stopped off, Saturday, for a few days' visit with relatives here before going on to Colorado.

The circus bill posters had a runaway on Main street Saturday, and paste was spilled for a block to stick your whiskers.

Ask to see those Sash Locks and Broom Holders—the nearest thing out. You will sure want them.

CHAS. PRESSL, Agent.

A fistic encounter occurred on Main Street, Friday afternoon that lasted about half an hour, between two harvest hands.

Frank Daniels and wife drove through Great Bend, on their way from Pawnee Rock to their home in Hutchinson, Saturday.

Ed. F. Winterburg, Henry Lutschg and Senator Armstrong left over the Mo. P. Monday morning to attend the Fort Scott conventions.

Success to the band. The boys have made a splendid start, and will prove themselves worthy of liberal support by our citizens.

As the DEMOCRAT force is at work on the tax list, which appears next week, the local department is to some extent neglected this week.

W. P. Cone is getting around again, after a severe sick spell which has relieved him of something less than 100 pounds of surplus flesh.

John Base of Liberty township, lost about 1000 bushels of wheat Thursday of last week, by fire. Lightning struck some of the stacks.

A base ball diamond should be prepared in the center of the race course at the fair grounds. It will require but little work to do this.

A dozen or more threshing outfits have been unloaded at Great Bend during the past two weeks, to help shell out the big wheat crop.

Mr. Goforth returned the first of the week from a visit up in Lane county. He says the good wheat crop extends into Lane and Ness counties.

A "socialist" agitator held several interesting levees, on the streets the past week. He made some good hits, from the workman's standpoint.

The coal dealers say that about one car of threshing coal a day goes out of Great Bend now, and that amount will be required for the next month.

Chas. L. Workman has built a neat residence in the east part of town, a six room, story and a half house, that will make him a comfortable home.

The horses of Adam Forrepaugh and Sells Brothers' circus daily, consume twenty tons of hay and 250 bushels of oats. The feed is furnished by local merchants.

Isaac Reynolds and wife, and Miss Alice, left Saturday on a visit to Topeka, Reynolds, at Kansas City. They will probably make a visit farther east before their return.

Hicks' prediction, that there would be lots of "sign" but few rains during the month of July has proven correct. But then the Rev. Hicks is generally to be depended upon.

D. C. Johnson, one of Ellinwood's hustlers, was transacting business in Great Bend, Monday, and a part of that business was to order the DEMOCRAT to his address.

About 75 of the relatives and friends of H. J. Meyers gathered at his home, in Buffalo township Sunday, the 22d, and held a very enjoyable home picnic. All the Meyers relatives were present, and all say they had a "way up" time.

Experts now report that the Kansas apple crop of 1900 will be little more than half a crop, on account of drought and worms. If our republican friends brought the rains that made the wheat as they claim, who brought the worms to the apple crop? Do they deal in worms, also?

Pawnee county has at last got a move on it, and is fixing up the Pawnee Rock bridge. Barton county will foot the big end of the bill. And Mr. Squaller and Squaller, she—Bartog—will not pay the bill in county warrants that have to be discounted or held an indefinite time. Barton county pays cash.